

REMARKS

The comments of the applicant below are each preceded by related comments of the examiner (in small, bold type).

4. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 USC. 102(b) as being taught by Witt et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,018,798 (herein referred to as Witt).

5. Referring to claim 1, Witt has taught a method comprising in a processor which has a future file (Witt column 12, line 44; column 12, line 66 to column 13, line 7; and Figure 3) and which is capable of restoring the future file in a single clock cycle (Witt column 13, lines 40-46 and column 18, lines 54-67), restoring the future file over more than one clock cycle when a termination occurs in the processor (Witt column 19, lines 20-49).

The applicant respectfully disagrees. The cited passages of Witt make no mention of how many clock cycles are required to restore the future file, nor do they even indicate that this is considered. Witt does not disclose or make obvious a processor which restores "the future file over more than one clock cycle when a termination occurs in the processor" as in claim 1.

Witt column 19, lines 20-49 says nothing about how many clock cycles are used for restoration of the future file. If the future file described in column 18 is restored in a single clock cycle, as alleged by the Examiner, it would be reasonable to assume that it is also restored in a single clock cycle when explained in more detail in column 19. Witt does not indicate at any point how many clock cycles are in fact used or that the number of clock cycles used is different than the number in which the processor is capable of restoring the future file.

Independent claims 7 and 15 are patentable for at least the reasons stated with respect to claim 1. All of the dependent claims are patentable for at least the reasons for which the claims on which they depend are patentable.

Canceled claims, if any, have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

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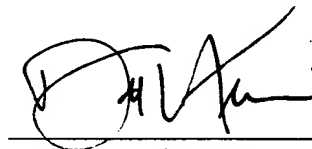
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Respectfully submitted,

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